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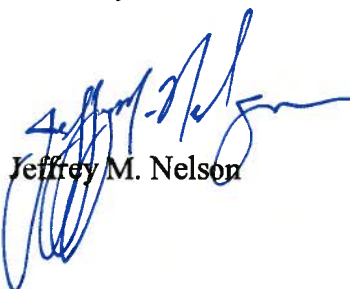
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101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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**Re: Docket 2017-10-E, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Integrated Resource Plan
Motion for Confidential Treatment**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") respectfully objects to the Motion for Confidential Treatment filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") along with its 2017 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). ORS is of the opinion that the information which DEC has requested to be redacted would not significantly impede DEC's ability to compete in the wholesale market and that any such interest is outweighed by the public interest in this information being released and available for review by DEC ratepayers or any members of the public interested in a thorough review and analysis of DEC's 2017 IRP.

Sincerely,



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